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Svetlana sees KGB behind son's pleas

NEW YORK [AP]—The daughter of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin says letters and calls from her son lured her back to Moscow after 17 years in the West, but she now believes the Soviet government ordered him to contact her and he was embarrassed by her return.

"I strongly believe now—after I have seen my son and his new wife—that my son had been instructed to write to me and to keep calling me back to the Soviet Union," Svetlana Alliluyeva said in an interview published Sunday in the New York Times.

"He was more embarrassed than glad to see his mother. It was really a dirty game, and quite possibly one played by the KGB, without the knowledge of the upper people in the party," she said.

Alliluyeva said her decision to leave the West for the Soviet Union in 1984 was personal, but a statement she made upon her return there was immediately turned into "propaganda cliches."

"I said that 'everyone was nice to me [in the United States]—I was a pet.' The word pet was translated as 'pet dog of the CIA,'" she said. "To this was added formulas like, 'I was con-

stantly supervised by the CIA' or 'I was under constant pressure from the CIA.' This was something I never said."

She said the Soviet government almost immediately suggested that she reinstate her Soviet citizenship.

"In the Soviet Union, you do what you are told. Your own opinions are of no importance," she said. "The psychological change was not a pleasant one, and it suggested fear, something I had never experienced abroad."

Alliluyeva also said Moscow was far different than when she defected in 1967 and that a trip to her family's homeland in Georgia "was not warm at all."

"I could hardly recognize the Moscow I had known," she said. "Block after block of new, monotonous apartment buildings. This feeling never left me while we were in Moscow."

A trip to Tbilise in Georgia was worse, she said.

"Wherever we went, the crowds stared at me with shocked surprise, with such intensity that I felt uneasy," she said. "It was as if I were a ghost appearing before their eyes."